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SUBJECT: HTGRUBBY Progress Report, 15 November - 15 December 1952

1. Program Content

HTGRUBBY broadcast daily during this period with the exception of 23 November. Among the topics stressed were the anniversaries of the Communist capture of Tirane, ~~Nako Spiro's~~ murder, Flag Day and the Communist rigged elections of 1945. Several talks and references were made to the Vienna Peace Conference now being held, and the feature "Appeals to Communists" was given at least once per week. ~~Sotir Toka~~, a former Communist official, is being interrogated daily by the HTGRUBBY staff, and has been supplying valuable information such as that used in "The Stalin Combine" and "Communist Bureaucracy" scripts.

2. Broadcasting Changes

As of 24 November, HTGRUBBY has changed the time of its 2200 broadcast to 0600 the next day, since information from Fig Team and technical charts revealed that reception was better at the morning hours during the winter months.

Arrangements have been completed to commence broadcasting the 1730 GMT transmission of HTGRUBBY from an airplane on 15 December. Due to a shortage of USAF radio operators, the broadcasts will initially be made only twice each week - on Mondays and Thursdays. Later, it is hoped that the schedule can be increased.

3. Internal Changes and Effect

Fig Team reported to C J that their informant in the Korce district related that a group of ~~Sigurimi~~ agents had listened to HTGRUBBY in August and seemed seriously impressed. Fig Team itself was able to pick up HTGRUBBY in October when they were so requested to do by Headquarters.

4. Organization and Personnel

At the meeting held during C J's recent trip to Athens, it was decided that HTGRUBBY should be separated from HTNEIGH insofar as approval of policy or personnel is concerned. Hereafter, C J, who will be working under

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[] in BGFIEND Psychological Warfare, will be considered responsible as editor and case officer of HTGRUBBY. [] expects to make a trip to Rome early in January to attend a meeting of HTNEIGH, in which the above change will be announced, and to interview several prospective candidates as replacements for [] who is expected to leave for the U.S. under the KMWAAMOO quota in two or three months. SGGRIND has been asked to send a formal offer to [] as editor. This offer will then be used to secure a priority visa for [] to the U.S. [] will not be replaced, instead his duties will be divided among [], [], and [].

It is hoped that [] will be added to the BGFIEND staff in the near future as assistant to [] who will have to assume several other duties with the departure of [] and [].

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